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The government has completed its deployment of reinforcements from Phnom Penh to Kampot City. Local government troops at Kampot met light opposition yesterday as they continued their effort to expand the city's defensive perimeters. On the Route 4 front, a multibattalion Cambodian Army operation is under way to reopen a section of the highway 20 miles west of Phnom Penh. Closer to the capital, the Khmer Communists directed a brief barrage of 105-mm. howitzer fire against government units south of Phnom Penh trying to regain control over Route 201. Most of the shells, however, fell short on insurgent-controlled territory. Fighting remained light on other fronts around Phnom Penh.

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